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“YOU BE THE CHEMIST” Information

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Dear Middle School Students,

The “You Be the Chemist Challenge” is sponsored by the Chemical Education Foundation and locally by the BASF Corporation. It is a fun and innovative academic competition focused on important chemistry concepts, discoveries, and chemical safety. In addition, it is also a wonderful way for you to enhance and expand your knowledge of chemistry while at the same time providing an opportunity for you to challenge yourself academically outside of the classroom.

The qualifying exam will be given on Thursday, February 8th, during activity period – rotation #1. This exam will qualify eight students and two alternates from the Mars Area Middle School to compete against students from Seneca Valley Middle Schools at the local challenge on **Saturday, March 17, 2018**. The top 3 students in the local competition will advance to the state competition. The details of the state competition will be provided at the local challenge.

All interested students should attend an information meeting on Monday, January 29th in the LGI at 7:45 AM.

We encourage you to use the link below to access and utilize the study guide.

Download the YBTC Challenge Study Guide: <https://www.chemed.org/programs/challenge/study-materials/> to begin your exploration of chemistry. Happy studying!

If you have any other questions or comments, please see me in Room 123.

Good Luck!

Mrs. Phillips

QUALIFYING EXAM for YBTC:

When: Thursday, February 8, 2018

Place: Room 123

Time: During activity period – rotation #1

Who: All interested 7th and 8th grade students